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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Were these French police allowed to carry loaded arms during transit? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already answered, Sir, that I have no information with regard to the arms carried by them."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The information or suggestions given by one member may be different from that given by another member because they have not got that machinery to ascertain true facts. Because this matter was before this House so many times, will the Government tell us whether they have real information as to what happened with respect to the police who shot down the French subjects in ' Naluthara '? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry, I do not have the entire information as regards who actually the policemen were, who participated in this firing."

Malampuzha Irrigation Project.

* 970 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer (P.W.D) has ordered that the Dam work of the Malampuzha Irrigation Project need not be completed this year; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. But work in the spillway block No. 14 in the main dam arm has been stopped at a level of 350·50 for the duration of the south-west monsoon floods. so as not to subject the earth dam to full water pressure immediately after its formation. This work will be resumed after the south-west monsoon and will be completed within the year."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the land which would have been submerged when the dam was complete was not leased out and only after the recent suspension of its work, this land was given for cultivation? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It must be so because the land would have been submerged if this had been completed. Naturally when it is decided to be deferred, the land could be leased out."

Alleged lathi charge by police on workers of Tajmahal Beedi Factory, Washermanpet.

* 971 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there was any lathi charge by police on 8th May 1954 on workers and gosha women of Tajmahal Beedi Factory at Washermanpet?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir.